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IN COLUMBIA (1963-65) FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS OF EDUCATION. BOTH LOANS WERE FINANCED BY USAID GRANTS. AMIN WAS ASSOCIATED WITH TARAKI IN THE MID-1950S AND IN THE BITTER FACTIONALISM BETWEEN KHALD AND PARCHAM IN 1967 WAS ACCUSED BY PARCHAMISTS OF BEING A CIA AGENT. AS A MEMBER OF THE LOWER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT, AMIN WAS OCCASIONALLY OUTSPOKEN AGAINST US AG

ENCIES IN AFGHANISTAN. AMIN WAS AMONG THOSE COMMUNISTS ARRESTED BY THE DAQUD GOVERNMENT ON APRIL 25.

CAPTAIN MOHAMMAD AGHAN--VICE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS. (SEE KABUL 3356)

COLONEL ABDUL QADER--MINISTER OF DEFENSE. (SEE STATE 118974 AND UFGO KABUL 04-6-747-0438-7F.

MR. AHMAD (AKA) (AKA) (AKA)--MINISTER OF INTERIOR. AHMAD OR HE OR PARCHAM IS THE SON OF A WEALTHY LANDLORD IN THE KANDAHAR AREA. IS BELIEVED TO BE A UNIVERSITY GRADUATE, SPEAKS ENGLISH, AND WAS A HIGH OFFICIAL IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRIOR TO HIS ELECTION TO PARLIAMENT IN 1965. IN 1969 HE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH BARRAK KARPAL AND THE PARCHAM PARTY. IN PARLIAMENT HE TOOK A HARD COMMUNIST LINE, BUT OUR BIO DATA STATES EMPHATICALLY THAT HE MAY BE MORE TRACTABLE AND OPEN-MINDED THAN OTHER COMMUNISTS.

SULTAN ALI KESHITHAN--MINISTER OF PLANNING. KESHITHAN WAS BORN CA. 1925. IN 1964 HE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN ON THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY (AN EARLIER INCARNATION OF KHALD). IN 1963 HE RAN FOR A LOWER HOUSE SEAT IN PARLIAMENT BUT LOST THE ELECTION. IN 1967 HE HELD THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR GENERAL IN THE ECONOMICS SECTION OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND INDUSTRIES. HIS SISTERS HAVE BEEN EARLY SUPPORTERS OF DR. ANAHITA RATEBRADAN, THE PRESENT MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS.

ABDUL KARIM MESAG--MINISTER OF FINANCE. (NO BIO DATA).

DR. SALEH MOHAMMAD ZARAY -- MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. DR. ZARAY WAS A GRADUATE OF THE KABUL UNIVERSITY MEDICAL FACULTY WHERE HE WAS IN THE TOP OF HIS CLASS ALL SEVEN YEARS. HE WAS A CANDIDATE FOR PARLIAMENT FROM KANDAHAR IN THE 1959 ELECTIONS. HE WAS APPARENTLY ARRESTED SOMETIME DURING THE CAMPAIGN. AT THAT TIME HE WAS REPORTED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE "CENTRAL COMMITTEE-BARRAK GROUP."

A SECOND REPORT INDICATED THAT DR. ZARAY SOMETIME AT THE END OF 1960 TENDERED HIS RESIGNATION FROM THE KHALD PARTY ON GROUNDS THAT THE PARTY HAD NOT PROTESTED TO THE GOVERNMENT AGAINST HIS ARREST. HE AT THAT TIME SUGGESTED THAT HAFIZULLAH AMIN (FORMER KHALD CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER) SHOULD HAVE BEEN ASKED BY THE PARTY TO RESIGN FROM PARLIAMENT IN PROTEST AGAINST HIS (DR. ZARAY'S) ARREST. HIS RESIGNATION REPORTEDLY WEAKENED THE PARTY IN THE KANDAHAR AREA. HE IS BELIEVED SUBSEQUENTLY TO HAVE REVEALED HIS KHALD PARTY AFFILIATION. ZARAY IS BROTHER-IN-LAW OF KABUL UNIVERSITY DIRECTOR OF CULTURAL AND FOREIGN RELATIONS, DR. MOHAMMAD ZARAY.

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ABDUL HAKIM SHARAYEE--MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL. SHARAYEE IN 1962 WAS A SECOND YEAR STUDENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM, FACULTY OF LETTERS. AT THAT TIME THERE WAS SOME SUGGESTION HE WAS AN INFORMANT OF THE AFGHAN SECURITY FORCES. AT THAT SAME TIME HE TOLD A SOURCE THAT HE WAS ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THAT HE EXPECTED SOME DAY THEREBY TO BE AN IMPORTANT LEADER. IN 1963 HE REPORTEDLY WAS SENT TO THE USSR FOR FURTHER STUDY. IN 1963 SHARAYEE WAS REPORTED TO BE A VERY ACTIVE COMMUNIST WHO WAS ENGAGED IN STIRRING UP CONFLICT BETWEEN UZBEKS AND PUSHTUNS AT SAR-E-PUL, NEAR NAZAR-E-SHAH. AT THAT TIME HE WORKED IN THE AFGHAN ENCYCLOPEDIA DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. AT THIS SAME TIME ANOTHER SOURCE REPORTED THAT HE WAS ATTENDING REGULAR COMMUNIST PARTY MEETINGS AND INVOLVED IN DISSEMINATING PARTY PROPAGANDA AND "ANTI-ISLAMIC IDEAS." SHARAYEE WAS ONE OF THE COMMUNISTS ARRESTED BY THE DAUD GOVERNMENT ON APRIL 25.

DR. SHAH WALI (ALEKZAI)--MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THE LAST NAME ALEKZAI ESTABLISHES HIM AS A PUSHTUN FROM THE KANDAHAR AREA. WALI GRADUATED FROM THE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF KABUL UNIVERSITY AND WAS AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AT THE MEDICAL SCHOOL IN JALALABAD. HE MAY HAVE RECEIVED SOME TRAINING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. AT THE TIME OF THE COUP HE WAS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF KABUL UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S HOSPITAL. WALI WAS ONE OF THE SEVEN COMMUNISTS ARRESTED BY THE DAUD GOVERNMENT ON APRIL 25.

GHULAM DASTGIR PANJSHIRI--MINISTER OF EDUCATION. PANJSHIRI WAS FORMERLY DIRECTOR OF CENSORSHIP, RADIO AFGHANISTAN (1963-65) AND DIRECTOR OF LITERARY PRIZES, MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND CULTURE (1966). HE WAS IMPRISONED DURING THE 1969 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS FOR "INSULTING THE KING" AND WAS RELEASED IN 1972. BEFORE HIS ARREST HE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH KHAIBAR AND BABRAK KARMAI, BUT EVIDENTLY WHILE IN PRISON HE DESIGNED FROM THE PARHAM PARTY IN WHICH HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. IN 1979, PANJSHIRI AND A COUSIN FORMED A SPLITTER GROUP CALLED DEMOCRATIC KHALQ KARCARI AFGHANISTAN. HE WAS ONE OF THE GROUP OF SEVEN ARRESTED ON APRIL 25.

MOHAMMAD KASSAM BAREK SHAFI' (SHAFI'E) -- MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND CULTURE. A "LEADING AFGHAN POET", SHAFI'E WAS THE EDITOR OF THE THEN NEW PUBLICATION "KHALQ" IN 1966, AND WAS DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE CARTOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND INDUSTRIES FROM 1966 TO 1967. HE ALSO EDITED "PASHYUN JAGH" MAGAZINE AND WAS DIRECTOR FOR "PAYANE ETIAZ" IN 1965. IN 1966 HE WENT TO WORK AT THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND CULTURE IN AN UNSPECIFIED POSITION. DURING THE SAME YEAR HE BECAME A SECRETARY OF THE PARHAM CENTRAL COMMITTEE, HAVING STAYED WITH PARHAM AFTER THE TARAKI SPLIT. DURING A 1966 CONVERSATION WITH TARAKI AND SHAFI'I, EMBASSY OFFICERS REPORTED THAT TARAKI WAS VERY SOLICITOUS OF SHAFI'I, AND THAT HE CONSULTED WITH HIM PRIOR TO ANSWERING DIFFICULT QUESTIONS. ALTHOUGH SHAFI'I'S LANGUAGES ARE SUPPOSEDLY LIMITED TO FARSI AND PUSHTO, THESE OFFICERS BELIEVED HE COULD FOLLOW MOST OF THEIR ENGLISH CONVERSATION.

SULAIMAN LAER--MINISTER OF RADIO AND TELEVISION. SEE KABUL 3589.

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ISMAIL DANESH--MINISTRY OF MINES AND INDUSTRIES: DANESH IS 37 YEARS OLD, A GRADUATE OF HABIBIA HIGH SCHOOL AND THE FACULTY OF ENGINEERING OF KABUL UNIVERSITY. HE SPENT THREE AND A HALF YEARS IN THE U.S. IN THE LATE 1960'S -- EARLY 1970'S RECEIVING A BS AND MS IN MINING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST VIRGINIA. U.S. TRAINING. DANESH SPENT AN ADDITIONAL THREE YEARS IN MOSCOW, WHERE HE RECEIVED A SECOND MASTER'S DEGREE. DANESH HAS SERVED AS DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE ISHPUSHTA COAL MINES AND DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF SCIENTIFIC RECORDS IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND INDUSTRIES. MOST RECENTLY HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE PHYSICS DEPARTMENT AT POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE. ACCORDING TO HIS BROTHER, AN EMBASSY FSL, HIS CLOSE FRIENDS ARE NUR MOHAMMAD TARAKI, HAFIZULLAH AMIN AND SULAIMAN ALI KESHIMAND, ALSO NAMED TO THE CABINET. DANESH IS A MEMBER OF KHALQ.

LT COLONEL MOHAMMAD RAI--MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. (NO BIO DATA).

MOHAMMAD HANSHIR HASHIMI--MINISTER OF WATER AND POWER. MOHAMMAD HANSHIR HASHIMI IS THE SON OF MOHAMMAD HASHIMI, BORN KHASH, JULY, 1934. PREVIOUS OCCUPATION WAS A SCIENCE TEACHER IN THE TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE. FROM 1956-1966 HE ATTENDED AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT. IN MAY 1965 HE APPLIED FOR STUDY IN THE UNITED STATES FOR AN 18-MONTH FERRARA VISA GRANTED AUGUST 1965 FOR TRAVEL TO COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. OUR INFORMATION INDICATES THAT HE MET WEEKLY AT THE HOME OF ONE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OFFICIAL FOR COMMUNIST CELL MEETINGS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1966.

PROFESSOR HAMMOOD SUHAN--MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION. SUHAN IS A PROFESSOR IN THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE. HE IS EITHER A SYMPATHIZER OR MEMBER OF THE KHALQ PARTY. HE MAINTAINS CONTACT WITH KNOWN PARTY MEMBERS.

DR. ANAHITA RATESZADAH--MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS. BORN ABOUT 1929 IN KABUL, SHE ATTENDED NURSES SCHOOL IN CHICAGO 1951-53, AND MEDICAL SCHOOL AT KABUL UNIVERSITY. SHE BECAME THE LOVER OF BABRAK KARNAL ABOUT 1968 AND, WHEN ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT IN 1967, WAS ASSOCIATED WITH KARNAL AND NUR AHMAD UNDO AS ONE OF THE "COMMUNIST TRIUMVIRATE IN PARLIAMENT." IN 1973 SHE WAS REPORTED TO BE ON THE PARHAM-PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

ABDUL QADUS GHORBANDI--MINISTER OF COMMERCE. IN 1974 GHORBANDI WAS A MEMBER OF THE PARHAM CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND A CLOSE FRIEND OF BABRAK KARNAL. WE HAVE NOTHER INFORMATION AT THIS TIME.

HIZANUDDIN TANZIB--MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS. TANZIB IS FROM KUNDUZ, BORN APPROXIMATELY 1935. IN THE EARLY 1960'S TANZIB TAUGHT AT HABIBIA COLLEGE AND AID AT THE ISN SYM-LYCEUM. HE IS A GRADUATE OF THE ISLAMIC FACULTY OF KABUL UNIVERSITY. LATER HE WORKED FOR KABUL RADIO AND THEN TOOK A JOB WITH THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION WHERE HE WORKED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND WAS A CELL MEMBER OF SOME BRANCH OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. IN 1966 HE WAS REPORTED TO ATTEND REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS AT THE HOME OF NUR MOHAMMAD TARAKI. AT THAT TIME HE WAS REPORTEDLY INVOLVED IN PARTY TRAINING. IN 1970 HE WAS REPORTED TO BE BACK AT THE TEACHERS INSTITUTE AND AGAIN TO BE A CLOSE FRIEND OF KARNAL. HE, NUR SHAFTI I, BABRAK KARNAL AND SULAIMAN LARO, AND HELD A FREQUENT PARTY POSITION.